

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A lubricating structure for an OHC internal combustion engine comprising a cam holder with a shorter side portion and a longer side portion and a circular hole adapted to accommodate a rocker arm shaft,

wherein the cam holder includes a nose portion which projects integrally from the longer side portion of the cam holder towards a valve stem, the nose portion being an oil feed path for feeding a lubricant to an upper end of a valve, wherein ~~a rear end of the nose portion includes a bent part bending toward a front or a back of the cam holder~~ lower edge that is integrally joined to the longer side portion at a position below a center of the circular hole.

2. (Currently Amended) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the oil feed path is trough-shaped, and

wherein the nose portion projects in a direction substantially parallel to the shorter side of the cam holder.

3. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein a convex-shaped projection is suspended downward from a distal end portion of the bent part of the rear end of the nose portion at an exit of the

oil feed path, the projection for dropping the lubricant directly onto the upper end of the valve stem.

4. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein part of the lubricant for lubricating a cam is supplied to the oil feed path through a notch in the cam holder, the notch extending diagonally between a bolt insertion hole and the oil feed path.

5. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the internal combustion engine includes a plurality of valves arranged in a direction of a camshaft, the oil feed path being a plurality of oil feed paths, and wherein each of the valves is formed with an oil path that independently communicates with one of the plurality of oil feed paths.

6. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the cam holder rotatably clamps a camshaft with respect to the cylinder head, a bottom side of the cam holder having a mating surface and semi-arcuate surfaces formed with an oil path allowing the lubricant to flow to a bolt insertion hole leading upward to the oil feed path on an upper side of the cam holder.

7. (Currently Amended) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the nose portion is formed on an inclined upper surface of the cam holder so as to project rearwardly, the nose portion being triangular-shaped in side view, and having an upper surface inclined downward, and

wherein a side of the triangular-shaped nose portion integrally projecting from the longer side portion of the cam holder extends in a height direction of the longer side portion.

8. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 7, the oil feed path is formed on the upper surface inclined downward.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 6, wherein the lubricant flowing through the oil feed path is discharged at an exit of the oil feed path, the exit being disposed substantially above the upper end of the valve stem.

11. (Currently Amended) A lubricating structure for an OHC internal combustion engine comprising:

a cam holder with a shorter side portion and a longer side portion; and

an oil feed path for feeding a lubricant to an upper end of a valve stem formed on an inclined upper surface of a rearwardly projecting extension projecting from a longer side portion of the cam holder, a distal end of the rearwardly projecting extension having a bent part bending toward a front or a back of the cam holder,

wherein the nose piece projects from the longer side portion of the cam holder along a line extending in a height direction of the cam holder,

wherein the rearwardly projecting extension of the cam holder includes a convex-shaped projection, the convex-shaped projection being suspended downward from the distal end of the bent part of rearwardly projecting extension at an exit of the oil feed path in order to drop the lubricant from the oil feed path directly onto the upper end of the valve stem.

12. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the oil feed path is trough-shaped.

13. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the oil feed path is an exposed groove cut into the inclined upper surface of the rearwardly projecting extension of the cam holder.

14. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein part of the lubricant for lubricating a cam

is supplied to the oil feed path through a notch in the cam holder, the notch extending diagonally between a bolt insertion hole and the oil feed path.

15. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the internal combustion engine includes a plurality of valves arranged in a direction of a camshaft, the oil feed path being a plurality of oil feed paths, and wherein each of the valves is formed with an oil path that independently communicates with one of the plurality of oil feed paths.

16. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the cam holder rotatably clamps a camshaft with respect to the cylinder head, a bottom side of the cam holder having a mating surface and semi-arcuate surfaces formed with an oil path allowing the lubricant to flow to a bolt insertion hole leading upward to the oil feed path on an upper side of the cam holder.

17. (Currently Amended) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the rearwardly projecting extension is a nose portion formed on the inclined upper surface of the cam holder so as to project rearwardly, the nose portion being triangular-shaped in side view, and having an upper surface inclined downward, and

wherein a lower edge of the triangular-shaped nose portion is substantially orthogonal to the longer side portion of the cam holder.

18. (Original) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 17, the oil feed path is formed on the inclined upper surface.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 16, wherein the lubricant flowing through the oil feed path is discharged at the exit of the oil feed path, the exit being disposed substantially above the upper end of the valve stem.

21. (Currently Amended) A lubricating structure for an OHC internal combustion engine comprising a cam holder, wherein an oil feed path for feeding a lubricant to the upper end of a valve stem is formed integrally with the cam holder so as to project therefrom,

wherein a nose portion is formed on an inclined upper surface of the cam holder so as to project ~~rearwardly~~ from a longer side portion of the cam holder, the nose portion being triangular-shaped in side view, having a lower edge projecting orthogonally from a middle portion of the longer side portion, and having an upper surface ~~inclined downward~~ on which

the oil feed path in formed, the upper surface inclined downward from a top of the cam holder and meeting and lower edge at a rear end of the nose portion,

wherein-a the rear end of the nose portion is slightly bent toward a front or a back of the cam holder.

22. (Previously Presented) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the nose portion of the cam holder includes an exposed groove, the exposed groove being the oil feed path.

23. (New) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the nose portion projecting from the cam holder is disposed outside in a lateral direction with respect to a position of the valve.

24. (New) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 11, wherein the nose portion projecting from the cam holder is disposed outside in a lateral direction with respect to a position of the valve.

25. (New) The lubricating structure of the OHC internal combustion engine according to claim 21, wherein the nose portion projecting from the cam holder is disposed outside in a lateral direction with respect to a position of the valve.